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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YASUO KOTAKI, et al.

Application No.: 10/609,420

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For: LIQUID CONTAINER, CAP  
USED WITH THE LIQUID  
CONTAINER, AND  
CAP-EQUIPPED LIQUID  
CONTAINER

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Group Art Unit: 2861

November 12, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

Japan 10-226092

Japan 10-286972

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These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. English language abstracts for these documents have been located and are attached. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 6,409,325 is an English language equivalent of Japan 10-226092, and that U.S. Patent 6,102,533 is an English language equivalent to Japan 10-286972. These U.S. patents are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,  
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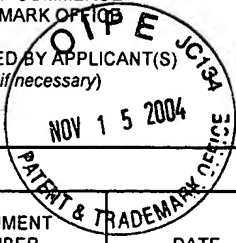
Respectfully submitted,

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		<b>6,102,533</b>	<b>8/15/00</b>	<b>Nozawa, et al</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>86</b>	
		<b>6,409,325</b>	<b>6/25/02</b>	<b>Matsumoto, et al</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>87</b>	
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		<b>10-226092</b>	<b>8/25/98</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
		<b>10-286972</b>	<b>10/27/98</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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